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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

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The world stands at a great historic turning point, and it is about to witness the creation of new forms of government, economy, and culture, based upon the growth and development of sundry groups of states. Japan, too, is confronted by a great trial such as she has never experienced in history. In order to carry out fully at this juncture our national policy in accordance with the lofty spirit in which the country was founded, it is an important task of urgent necessity to us that we should grasp the inevitable trends in the developments of world history, effect speedily fundamental renovations along all lines of government, and strive for the perfection of a state structure for national defense. Accordingly, the general lines of the country's fundamental national policies have been formulated as follows:

Summary of Fundamental National Policies.

1. Basic Policy.

The basic aim of Japan's national policy lies in the firm establishment of world peace in accordance with the lofty spirit of Hakko Ichiu, in which the country was founded, and in the construction, as the first step, of a new order in Greater East Asia, having for its foundation the solidarity of Japan, Manchoukuo and China.

Japan will, therefore, devote the total strength of the nation to the fulfilment of the above policy by setting up

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swiftly an unshakable national structure of her own adapted to meet the requirements of new developments both at home and abroad.

2. National Defense and Foreign Policy.

The Government will strive for the repletion of armaments adequate for the execution of the national policies, by taking into consideration the new developments both at home and abroad, and constructing a state structure for national defense, capable of bringing into full play the total strength of the nation.

Japan's foreign policy, which aims ultimately at the construction of a new order in Greater East Asia, will be directed, first of all, toward a complete settlement of the China Affair, and the advancement of the national fortune by taking a farsighted view of the drastic changes in the international situation and formulating both constructive and flexible measures.

3. Renovation of Internal Structure.

What is urgently required in internal administration is the laying of the foundation for a state structure for national defense through a complete renovation of the domestic administration in general, for which purpose the Government expects the realization of the following points:

A. Renovation of education thoroughly in harmony with the fundamental principles of the national polity, and also the establishment of ethical principles of the nation stressing, above all, service to the state and eradicating all selfish and materialistic thoughts.

B. Establishment of a powerful new political structure

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and a unified control of government affairs.

a. Establishment of a new national structure, of which the keynote lies in the service to the state through the co-operation between government and people, every man according to his sphere of profession or business.

b. Renovation of the Diet as an organ for assisting the Throne, so as to adapt it to the new national structure.

c. Fundamental renovation in the operation of administrative organs, and the reformation of the bureaucracy, aimed at the unity and efficiency of those organs.

C. Laying the foundation of national defense economy, of which the keynote is to lie in the autonomous development of the economy of Japan, Manchoukuo and China with Japan as the center.

a. Establishment of a sphere of co-operative economies, with the Japan-Manchoukuo-China group as one of the units.

b. Inauguration of a planned economy through the co-operation between government and people, and especially the perfection of a unitary control system covering the production, distribution and consumption of important commodities.

c. Establishment of a financial scheme and reinforcement of banking control, directed toward the development of the nation's total economic power.

d. Renovation of the foreign trade policy so as to adapt it to the new world situation.

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e. Establishment of the measures for self-sufficiency in the people's daily necessities especially in the principal foodstuffs.

f. An epoch-making expansion of the vital industries----especially heavy, chemical and machine industries.

g. An epoch-making promotion of science, and rationalization of production.

h. Perfection and extension of the communication and transportation facilities so as to adapt them to the new developments at home and abroad.

i. Establishment of land development plans aiming at the enhancement of the total national strength.

j. Inauguration of permanent measures concerning the promotion of the stamina and physical strength of the nation, and especially the fundamental measures concerning the security and development of agriculture and agricultural communities.

k. Rectification of the inequality in individual sacrifices incident of national policies; full operation of various welfare measures, and renovation of the living mode of the nation, and the maintenance of such standard of living as will enable the nation to lead a plain, solid and vigorous life and to surmount the national crisis by persevering truly through years of hardship.

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近衛内閣基本國策要綱（八月一日）

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世界は今や歴史的大轉機に陥りし、個の國家群の生成發展を基調とする新なる政治經濟文化の創成を見んとし、皇國亦有史以來の大転換に直面す、この秋に當り更に歐洲の大變動に従く皇國の國是を完結せんとせば右世界史的發展の必然的動向を把握して庶政百般に亘り塞に根本的開拓を加へ寫進を繰して日防國交軍制の完成に備する事を以て刻下喫緊の要務とす、次つて基本國策の大綱を策定すること左の如し。

一、根本方針

皇國の國是は八紘を一字とする體の大變動に沿き世界平和の確立を招來することを以て根本とし先づ皇國を憲心とし目前支那諸國なる結合を根本とする大東亞の新秩序を建設するに在り

之が爲皇國自ら實に所存誠に卽應する不破の國家體勢を確立し國家の實力を發揮して右國是の具現に邁進す

## 二、國防及外交

内外の新情勢に鑑み國家總力發揮の國防國家體制を根底とし國是遂行に津徳なき軍備を充實す。

現下の外交は大東亞の新秩序建設を根幹とし先づ其の重心を支那該の前途に及き國際的大變局を遠觀し建設的にして且つ彈力性に實力施策を講じ以て國運の發展を期す。

## 三、内體制の刷新

内政の急務は國體の本義に基き庶政を一新し國防國家體制の基礎を確立するに在り之が爲左記諸件の實現を期す。

- 1、國體の本義に沿ひする徹底の刷新と相俟ち自我功利の思想を排し國家奉仕を終一無とする國民道徳を確立す。
- 2、開力なる新政治體制を確立し國政の命令統一を圖る。
- 3、官民努力一致各々其の職域に従事し國家に奉公することを諮詢する新國民組織の確立

ロ、新政体に即應し得べき謀命製憲體制の確立  
ハ、行政の運転に根本的刷新を加へ其の統一と敏活とを目撃する  
官界新能勢の確立

3、皇國を中心とする日滿支三國經濟の自立的建設を基調とし國防經濟の根基を確立す。

イ、日滿支を一環とし大東亞を包容する協同經濟圈の確立

ロ、官民協力による計畫經濟の遂行特に士要物資の生産、配給、消費

費を置く一元的統制機構の整備

ハ、綜合經濟力の發展を目指とする財政政策前に金融統制の確立強化

ニ、世界新情勢に對應する貿易政策の刷新  
ホ、國民生活必需物資特に主要食糧の自給自足の確立

ヘ、重工業特に重、化學工業及機械工業の初期的發展

ト、科學の定期的振興並に生產の合理化

チ、内外の新情勢に對應する交通運輸施設の整備擴充

リ、綜合國力の發展を目指とする國土開發計畫の確立

4、國是遂行の原動力たる國民の資質、體力の向上並に人口增加に因

する  
々的方針特に農業及農家の安定發展に關する根本方針を樹立す。  
5、國策の遂行に伴ふ國民條件の不均衡の是正を施行し更生的諸施設の  
徹底を期すると共に國民生活を刷新し眞に默半十年時艱苦に適應す  
る暫實的なる國民生活の水準を確保す。